(b) A vessel has not been acquired and therefore cost escalation, if any, cannot estimated.

(c) It is not possible to determine affect of pollution on marine life on year-to-year basis.

Promotion prospects of LDCs in the CGHS

1893. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the avenues of promotion to higher posts available to the Lower Division Clerks in the Central Government Health Services;

(b) duration of period normally take for a Lower Division Clerk in the CGHS to get his promotion to the next higher post;

(c) what is the number of Lower Division Clerks in the C.GH.S. who have put in (i) between 10 and 15 years of service and (ii) over 15 years of service in the grade and are yet to get their promotion to the next higher post together with the length of service as Lower Division Clerks in each case; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to see that those Lower Division Clerks who have put in such long years of service in the grade in the C.G.H.S. get at least one promotion in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Lower Division Clerks working in C.G.H.S. are eligible for promotion as Upper Division Clerks. No duration of time has been fixed for the promotion of Lower Division Clerks to the next higher grade as it depends upon the availability of vacancies in the higher grade.

(c) The information is as under:—

(i) Number of Lower Division Clerks with—

10—15 years	—	50
over 15 years	—	151

(d) In order to provide promotional avenues a cadre review of Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts in Central Government Health Scheme has been undertaken.

Funds collected for Prime Minister's Relief Fund from Cricket Match between India and Pakistan

1894. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund by organising the Cricket Match between India and Pakistan on the 30th September, 1987;

(b) whether there is any proposal to organise such matches in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) A sum of Rs. 1.20 corors have been donated to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund by the Organising Committee of the Cricket Match between India and Pakistan on 30th September, 1987 and balance, if any, will be donated after payment of all expenses and liabilities.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal with the Government to organise such cricket matches in the near future.

Skin and lung diseases caused by the talcum powder

1895. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the talcum powder which is profusely used in the country can cause numerous skin and lung diseases;

(b) whether Government have conducted any research in this regard; and

(c) if so, the results thereof and if not, whether Government propose to conduct thorough research in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) According to data available, in general the use of talcum powder does not cause numerous skin and lung diseases. However, reaction may take place in an individual who is allergic to one or more constituents of a particular brand of talcum powder. There has been no specific research conducted on this subject by the Government and there is no such proposal with the Government.

National body on adult education

1896. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken a decision to set up a national body on adult education;

(b) whether Government have issued any guidelines to the State Governments in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details of the functions of the national body; and

(d) to what extent adult illiteracy throughout the country is expected to be rooted out in a time bound scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The matter is under Government's consideration.

(d) The number of illiterate persons in the age-group 15-35 increased from 91 million in 1951 to 110 million in 1981. On the basis of trend analysis, the number of illiterates in this age-group would go up to 116 million by 1991 and would decline to 110 million by 2001 A.D. The Central Government have formulated a comprehensive programme in the field of adult education, known as "National Literacy Mission", with view to providing functional Literacy to 30 million persons in 15-35 age-group by 1990, and another 50 million by 1995.

Opening of New Central School in Orissa

1897. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Schools opened in the year 1986-87 and so far in this year and likely to be opened by the end of the current financial year;

(b) the number of Central Schools opened in Orissa and likely to be opened in the current year; and

(c) the places in Orissa where these schools have been opened or likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) 95 Kendriya Vidyalayas were opened at different places in 1986-87. In 1987-88, sanction has been issued for opening 49 Kendriya Vidyalayas.

(b) and (c). There are 17 Kendriya Vidyalayas located in the state of Orissa as per attached Statement. (*See below*). In 1987-88, sanction has been issued for opening three more Kendriya Vidyalayas at Baripada, Jharsuguda and Bondamunda.

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S. No.	Location of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Orissa
1.	FCI Ltd., Talchar Distt Dhenkanal.
2.	Proof House, Balasore.
3.	Berhampur.
4.	Unit No. IX, Bhubaneshwar.
5.	Jatni PO Khurda Road. Distt. Puri.
6.	Puri.
7.	Naval Base, Chilka, Puri.